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COUNTY OF VENTURA
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JUDGE DOBROTH NAMED JUDGE OF THE YEAR

Judge John E. Dobroth was named Judge of the Year by the Ventura County Trial Lawyers Association at their annual Judge's Night dinner Tuesday night. The award was presented by last year's recipient, Judge John R. Smiley, at the Residence Inn by Marriott at River Ridge in Oxnard.

The Judge of the Year award recognizes exceptional wisdom, wit, patience, understanding and compassion towards litigants and attorneys in the courtroom.

Honorees are chosen by a committee made up of representatives from several attorney organizations, as well as the county counsel's office, district attorney's office and public defender.

Judge Dobroth was elected to the bench in 1986. He was the principal proponent behind the creation of Ventura County's widely recognized Homeless Court program, which was the recipient of the Ralph N. Kleps Award for Improvement in Administration of the Courts from the California Judicial Council in 2001. For ten years he has presided over the annual Stand Down court in which homeless veterans resolve outstanding fines and fees through community service performed at Ventura College during the event. He is currently assigned to Courtroom 36, hearing juvenile delinquency matters.

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